



MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 24, 2003

TO: Members of the Mayor and Council
Subcommittee on Downtown
And Rio Nuevo

FROM: 
James Keene
City Manager

SUBJECT: Mayor and Council Rio Nuevo Subcommittee Meetings for October and November 2003

Environmental Services (ES) staff plans to provide a brief presentation at the October 2003 Mayor and Council Rio Nuevo Subcommittee Meeting on the Federal Brownfields Grant application process. During this presentation ES staff will request input from the subcommittee on proposed Brownfields site selections and present options to encourage public participation on selections of the City's proposed Brownfields sites. At the November 2003 Mayor and Council Rio Nuevo Subcommittee Meeting, the ES staff will again update the subcommittee on the progress of the Brownfields Grant application process and request additional input regarding the Brownfields Grant application process. The Brownfields Grant applications must be submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prior to December 2, 2003.

In June 2003 the City of Tucson received \$275,000 in EPA Brownfields Grant Funds to perform an environmental assessment at Greyhound Bus Terminal and an environmental cleanup at 35 E. Toole Avenue. By receiving Brownfields Grant Funds, the City of Tucson and other stakeholders are empowered with economic development and are able to work together in a timely manner to assess environmental conditions, prevent contamination and sustainably reuse properties, once deemed unusable.

Please feel free to contact Karen Masbruch with Environmental Services, should you have any questions or concerns.

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